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- (c) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising amino acids from about 1 to about 129 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (d) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97519;
- (e) a polynucleotide encoding the mature chemokine β -15 polypeptide having the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97519;
- (f) the complement of (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e);
- [(g) a polynucleotide variant created by altering the polynucleotide of (a), wherein:
- (1) said altering includes a nucleotide insertion, deletion, or substitution, or any combination thereof; and
 - (2) the number of alterations is equal to or less than 5 % of the total number of nucleotides present in (a);
- (h) a polynucleotide variant created by altering the polynucleotide of (b), wherein:
- (1) said altering includes a nucleotide insertion, deletion, or substitution, or any combination thereof; and
 - (2) the number of alterations is equal to or less than 5 % of the total number of nucleotides present in (b);
- (i) a polynucleotide variant created by altering the polynucleotide of (c), wherein:
- (1) said altering includes a nucleotide insertion, deletion, or substitution, or any combination thereof; and
 - (2) the number of alterations is equal to or less than 5 % of the total number of nucleotides present in (c);
- (j) a polynucleotide variant created by altering the polynucleotide of (d), wherein:
- (1) said altering includes a nucleotide insertion, deletion, or substitution, or any combination thereof; and

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- (2) the number of alterations is equal to or less than 5 % of the total number of nucleotides present in (d);
- (k) a polynucleotide variant created by altering the polynucleotide of (e), wherein:
- (1) said altering includes a nucleotide insertion, deletion, or substitution, or any combination thereof; and
- (2) the number of alterations is equal to or less than 5 % of the total number of nucleotides present in (e);
- (l) a polynucleotide variant created by altering the polynucleotide of (f), wherein:
- (1) said altering includes a nucleotide insertion, deletion, or substitution, or any combination thereof; and
- (2) the number of alterations is equal to or less than 5 % of the total number of nucleotides present in (f);] and
- [(m)] (g) a first polynucleotide which hybridizes under the conditions of [at] 42°C in 50 % formamide, 5xSSC, 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH7.6), 5x Denhardt's solutions, 10% dextran sulfate, and 20 µg/ml denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA, followed by a wash at 65°C in a solution comprising 0.1x SSC, to a second polynucleotide having the nucleotide sequence of the coding region of SEQ ID NO:1 or the complement thereof; wherein said first polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide which retains substantially the same activity as a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

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(Once Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

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- (a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide consisting of amino acids from [about] -20 to [about] 129 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide consisting of amino acids from [about] -19 to [about] 129 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (c) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide consisting of amino acids from [about] 1 to [about] 129 in SEQ ID NO:2; and
- (d) the complement of (a), (b), or (c);
- [(e) — a polynucleotide variant created by altering the polynucleotide of (a), wherein:
- (1) said altering includes a nucleotide insertion, deletion, or substitution, or any combination thereof; and
- (2) the number of alterations is equal to or less than 5 % of the total number of nucleotides present in (a);
- (f) a polynucleotide variant created by altering the polynucleotide of (b), wherein:
- (1) said altering includes a nucleotide insertion, deletion, or substitution, or any combination thereof; and
- (2) the number of alterations is equal to or less than 5 % of the total number of nucleotides present in (b);
- (g) a polynucleotide variant created by altering the polynucleotide of (c), wherein:
- (1) said altering includes a nucleotide insertion, deletion, or substitution, or any combination thereof; and

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- (2) the number of alterations is equal to or less than 5 % of the total number of nucleotides present in (c); and
- (h) a polynucleotide variant created by altering the polynucleotide of (d), wherein:
- (1) said altering includes a nucleotide insertion, deletion, or substitution, or any combination thereof; and
- (2) the number of alterations is equal to or less than 5 % of the total number of nucleotides present in (d).]

[Please add the following new claims:

~~65~~²⁹. An isolated nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes, under the stringent conditions of incubating overnight at 42°C in a solution comprising 50% formamide, 5x SSC, 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.6), 5x Denhardt's solution, 10% dextran sulfate, and 20 µg/ml denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA; and washing at 65°C in a solution comprising 0.1x SSC, to a member selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising amino acids from -20 to 129 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising amino acids from -19 to 129 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (c) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising amino acids from 1 to 129 in SEQ ID NO:2; and
- (d) the complement of (a), (b) or (c);

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wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide having substantially the same activity as a polypeptide consisting of amino acids 1 to 129 of SEQ ID NO:2.

³⁰66. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim ²⁹65, wherein said member is (a).

³¹67. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim ²⁹65, wherein said member is (b).

³²68. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim ²⁹65, wherein said member is (c).

³³69. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim ²⁹65, wherein said member is (d).

³⁴70. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a first polynucleotide which hybridizes to the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97519, under conditions comprising:

(a) incubating overnight at 42°C in a solution comprising 50% formamide, 5x SSC, 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.6), 5x Denhardt's solution, 10% dextran sulfate, and 20 µg/ml denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA; and

(b) washing at 65°C in a solution comprising 0.1x SSC;

wherein said first polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide having substantially the same activity as the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97519.--